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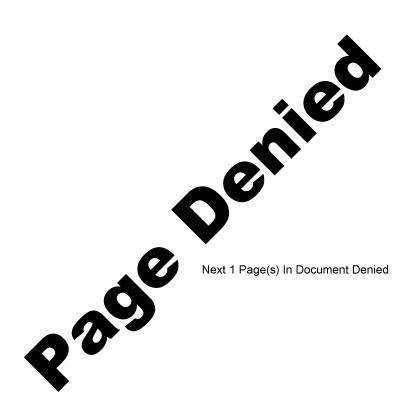
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UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION AT THE KALAHARI DESERT SUSPECT UNDERGROUND TEST SITE, SOUTH AFRICA (S)

northeast of the test tower site	nal concrete pad, 20 meters in diameter, has been constructed at the Kalahari Desert Suspect Underground Test Site nof this pad was begun between	5 kilometers east- Figure	25X1 25X1
2. (S/D) The pad is next to an old borrow pit. On several large pieces of earthmoving equipment and numerous trucks were at the site. Two separate areas were being graded. One was a large oval area which had been sprayed with oil to stabilize the sand while the area was being graded. A probable oil spreader was next to the graded area and a hose connected it to a tank which was beside the road leading into the site. The second graded area was rectangular and adjacent to the oval area. Several support and administration tents, water tanks, and other support equipment were also present at the site.			25X1
3. (TSR) By a circular, dark-toned pad had been built in the rectangular graded area, and			25X1
a batch plant and piles of dark-toned aggregate were in the oval area (Figure 2). The circular pad was meters in diameter and appeared to be made of an asphalt-type material. Surrounding the asphalt pad was a double-octagonal form. The inner and outer diameters of the form were respectively.			25X1 25X1
The octagon was made of lor	ng linear members joined together with shorter cross member of for the concrete pad with the octagon serving as the form.	s. Evidently, the	20,(1
4. (TSR) By t	he octagonal concrete pad had been poured (Figure 3). The	diameter of the	25 X 1
pad was approximately 20 meters and its thickness was probably It is not known if the asphalt was extended over the entire area of concrete pad. Also, at that time, the site had been completely vacated except for a single bulldozer which was leveling the ground around the pad. On the most recent			25X1
imagery of there was s	till no identifiable activity at the pad.		25 X 1
site is vacant and is becoming of	ual activity has been observed at the rest of the test site. The overgrown with small brush.	e old test tower	
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